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TO AMEMBASSY JAKARTA

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: CALL BY AMBASSADOR RUSMIN NURYADIN ON DEPUTY  
SECRETARY

1. INDONESIAL AMBASSADOR RUSMIN NURYADIN PAID COURTESY  
CALL ON DEPUTY SECRETARY DESIGNATE CHRISTOPHER FEBRUARY  
17. MEETING PERMITTED WIDE RANGING DISCUSSION OF JOINT  
CONSULTATIONS, IGGI, NPT, HUMAN RIGHTS, TIN AND SECURITY  
ASSISTANCE. ASSISTANT SECRETARY DESIGNATE HOLBROOKE WAS  
PRESENT.

2. JOINT CONSULTATIONS. AMBASSADOR RUSMIN OPENED CON-  
VERSATION BY EXPRESSING GOI INTEREST IN JOINT CONSULTA-  
TIONS AND SPECULATING THAT THERE WAS PROBABLY NO PROSPECT  
FOR SUCH CONSULTATIONS IN THE NEXT "3-4 MONTHS".

3. IN REPLY, THE DEPUTY SECRETARY STATED THAT THE US  
PLACED HIGH VALUE ON THE CONTINUATION OF A DIALOGUE WITH  
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INDONESIA. AT THE PRESENT TIME, HOWEVER, THE ADMINISTRA-  
TION WAS FEELING ITS WAY ON THE QUESTION OF THE PROPER  
MECHANISM FOR CONTINUING SUCH EXCHANGES WITH COUNTRIES  
WITH WHICH WE HAD A CLOSE IDENTITY. THE DEPUTY SECRETARY  
ASKED FOR A LITTLE TIME FOR THE ADMINISTRATION TO DETERMINE

WHAT WOULD BE THE RIGHT FORM OF CONSULTATIONS.

4. HOLBROOKE ADDED THAT WE WERE VERY AWARE OF THE CONCERNS OF THE ASEAN REGION. THE FORM OF CONSULTATIONS MIGHT CHANGE SLIGHTLY BUT THE US INTEREST IN INDONESIA AND IN THE ASEAN COUNTRIES SHOULD NOT BE QUESTIONED. ONE CONSIDERATION WAS THAT THE SECRETARY'S OWN SCHEDULE WAS VERY BUSY.

5. INTER-GOVERNMENTAL GROUP ON INDONESIA (IGGI). AMBASSADOR RUSMIN ASKED WHAT THE POLICY OF THE NEW ADMINISTRATION WOULD BE TOWARDS IGGI. RUSMIN INDICATED GOI BELIEVED IGGI PROVIDED AN IMPORTANT LEVERAGE FOR INDONESIA AND GOI WAS VERY SATISFIED WITH THIS UNIQUE ORGANIZATION.

6. THE DEPUTY SECRETARY REPLIED THAT WE COULD IDENTIFY NO PROBLEMS WITH IGGI. HOLBROOKE ADDED WE WERE NOT REVIEWING OUR POLICY ON IGGI AND THAT THIS WAS NOT A REASON FOR APPREHENSION. THE US BELIEVED THE IGGI HAD BEEN AN EFFECTIVE AND USEFUL ORGANIZATION.

7. NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY (NPT). DEPUTY SECRETARY RAISED THE SUBJECT OF NPT AND URGED GOI TO RATIFY NPT. NOTING THE IMPORTANCE US PLACES ON DISCOURAGING THE SPREAD OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS, DEPUTY SECRETARY ASKED RUSMIN'S PROGNOSIS FOR GOI ACTION.

8. RUSMIN SAID THAT AS A RESULT OF HIS REPORT ON THE MEETING WITH ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY GLEYSTEN LAST CONFIDENTIAL

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WEEK, HE NOW HAD A TELEGRAM FROM JAKARTA INDICATING THAT INTER-DEPARTMENT REVIEW WAS UNDERWAY. HE SAID THAT PRESIDENT SUHARTO HAD NOT YET DECIDED ON THE TIMING FOR RATIFICATION AND THAT SUHARTO HAD REQUESTED CLARIFICATION BY DEFENSE DEPT. OF A MINOR ISSUE. RUSMIN SAID HE BELIEVED THE MINOR ISSUE HAD BEEN CLARIFIED AND THAT PROCESS OF RATIFICATION WOULD NOW PROCEED. IN ADDITIONAL RESPONSE TO THE DEPUTY SECRETARY, RUSMIN INDICATED THAT THE IMPORTANCE WHICH THE US PLACED ON RATIFICATION OF NPT WAS CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF GOI.

9. HUMAN RIGHTS. DEPUTY SECRETARY ALSO RAISED SUBJECT OF HUMAN RIGHTS NOTING THAT US WELCOMED RECENT STEPS TAKEN BY GOI, PARTICULARLY THE RELEASE OF POLITICAL PRISONERS. DEPUTY SECRETARY URGED GOI TO ACCELERATE PROCESS, SINCE EXISTENCE OF POLITICAL PRISONERS EXACERBATED US-INDONESIAN RELATIONS.

10. IN RESPONSE, RUSMIN QUESTIONED WHETHER US STANDARDS OF HUMAN RIGHTS COULD BE TOTALLY APPLIED IN THE INDO-NESEAN SITUATION. RUSMIN DESCRIBED IN SOME DETAIL, HOWEVER, GOI RELEASE IN DECEMBER 1976 OF 2500 PRISONERS AS WELL AS GOVERNMENT'S SCHEDULE FOR RELEASE OF REMAINING 33,000 PRISONERS OVER THE NEXT THREE YEARS.

11. TIN. AMBASSADOR RUSMIN SAID THAT THERE WAS PRESENTLY IN WASHINGTON A JOINT MALAYSIAN, THAI AND INDO-NESEAN JOINT DELEGATION, HEADED BY MALAYSIAN MINISTER MUSA HITAM, TO DISCUSS TIN. RUSMIN SAID THAT GOI WAS CONCERNED ABOUT SAVING THE TIN AGREEMENT AND ASKED FOR US SUPPORT IN PERSUADING BOLIVIA ON THE TIN PROBLEM. HOLBROOKE INDICATED HE HAD MET WITH MINISTER HITAM AND THAT THE US WAS ALSO CONCERNED WITH SAVING THE TIN AGREEMENT.

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12. FMS. RUSMIN STATED THAT HE HAD RAISED THE QUESTION OF FMS CREDIT (AND THE REQUEST FOR FSE'S) WITH MRS. BENSON EARLIER IN THE AFTERNOON AND INDICATED THAT HE WAS ENCOURAGED BY HER COMMENTS. THE DEPUTY SECRETARY REPLIED THAT HE HAD DISCUSSED THE SITUATION WITH AMBASSADOR NEWSOM AND THAT WE HAD THE INDONESIAN REQUEST UNDER ACTIVE STUDY.

13. IN HIS CONCLUDING REMARKS, THE DEPUTY SECRETARY INDICATED THAT HE WANTED TO STRESS THE IMPORTANCE WE ATTACHED TO THE US-INDONESIAN RELATIONSHIP. ALTHOUGH WE HAD NO CRUSHING PROBLEMS WITH REGARD TO INDONESIA, IT DID NOT MEAN THAT WE WERE LESS CONCERNED THAN BEFORE, AND RUSMIN SHOULD TAKE THAT MESSAGE BACK TO INDONESIA WITH HIM.  
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